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SUBJ: SOVIET COMPLAINT OF US VIOLATIONS OF AIR SPACE

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF NOTE RE DENIAL CONSULAR ACCESS TO COUNSELOR CHETVERIKOV OF MFA USA DESK ON AUG 12 (MOSCOW 11401), HE INFORMED EMBASSY POLITICAL AND CONSULAR COUNSELORS OF VIOLATION OF SOVIET BORDERS NEAR ST. LAWRENCE AND BIG DIOMEDE ISLANDS ON JULY 23 AND 24, RESPECTIVELY, BY US TWO-ENGINE HYDROPLANE (HE PROBABLY MEANT SEAPLANE) IN EACH INSTANCE. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, HE STATED HE DID NOT KNOW IF THE US PLANES WERE MILITARY BUT NOTED THAT US HAS MILITARY AIR BASE AT LITTLE DIOMEDE. HE HANDED EMBOFFS "NON-PAPER" ON SUBJECT AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: 1. AT 8:30 AT JULY 23, 1975, AN AMERICAN PLANE VIOLATED THE BORDER AT A HEIGHT OF 100 METERS ALONG CAPE CHAPLIN FROM THE DIRECTION OF ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND, APPROACHED WITHIN 300-400 METERS OF THE SOVIET SHORE, AND MAKING A 180 DEGREE TURN, LEFT IN THE DIRECTION OF THE OPEN SEA.

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"2. AT 6:45 ON JULY 24, 1975, IN THE REGION OF
RATMANOV ISLAND (I.E., BIG DIOMEDE), AND AMERICAN
AIRPLANE VIOLATED THE BORDER, CROSSING 1.5 KILOMETERS
INTO THE LIMITS OF SOVIET TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE
BERING STRAITS. END QUOTE

2. WE INFORMED CHETVERIKOV THAT THIS MATTER WOULD BE
REPORTED TO DEPT FOR INVESTIGATION AND THAT WE WOULD PASS
ON RESULTS TO MFA WHEN RECEIVED.
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